

UNDERWATER EXPOSURE

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Monthly Club Meeting

Jan. 16, 2005

Location: Outback Steakhouse
1509 Central Expressway @
15th. St., Plano N/W corner.
Check www.yahoo.com for a
detailed map!
Plan on eating dinner there!

Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.
Mealtime begins at 6:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

For more information:

www.dups.org

Guests are encouraged and
welcome!!!

POY 2004 Winners

Novice

1. Waynetta Wheeler
2. Melodie Geffen
3. Penny Snyder

Intermediate

1. Bob Snyder
2. Tres Middleton
3. Arthur Geffen

Open

1. George Bogard
2. Lily Mak
3. Judy Johnson

Digital

1. Judy Johnson

Creative Digital

1. Don Lewis



MEETING PRESENTATION

Dr. Jeff Stone who runs the large hyperbaric chamber here in Dallas will be our speaker. He said he will speak briefly about DCS (decompression sickness) and will also talk about state of the art wound care.

Happy New Year!!

Well, here we are starting a new year again. This is our 13th year for the newsletter and DUPS is now in it's 14th year. It seems like yesterday when a small group of interested photographers met for the first time to see if there was enough interest in the Dallas area to start a club. Fortunately for us, we had an eager group of hard working charter members who ventured out to spread the word. We have had members that have gotten married, divorced, had two that passed away, moved, had kids, changed jobs, retired, or just about anything you can imagine, but we are still here and going strong.

While the world is having problems with hurricanes, tsunamis, war, and oppression we have to keep an upbeat attitude. By working together we can make 2005 a better year for all of us. Let's all make an effort this year to make a difference whether it is in our club, in our community or in the world. Let's all start by making an effort to make as many meetings as we can in 2005. After a long day working in the yard or whatever excuse you can give yourself you will find that the two hours of meeting time once a month may give you that little boost to get through all the trials you will face the rest of the month.

We hope to see you at the next meeting! No hidden eggs are in newsletter this month— We ate the hen that lays them—Sorry!

DUPS Monthly Photo Contest Topics 2004

Jan. - Negative Space

Feb. - Chordata

Mar. - Symbiosis

April - Close focus wide angle

May - Syngnathidea

June - Red

July - Gobiidae

Aug. - Majestic

Sept. - Anthozoa

Oct. - Tiny

Nov. - Damsel fish

Dec. - No contest



Roger Roth

VIDEOLIGHTS
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Family Diving

A 4-hour layover in Houston's airport on the way home from Roatan, Honduras seems like a good time to spend reflecting on some fabulous diving. On this trip I was helping with a group of junior high and high school students from Cincinnati, Ohio as they completed their open water dives and obtained their first scuba diving C-cards. What made this trip even more different and wonderful was the fact that most of these students were with their fathers and even one grandfather who were also getting certified with the kids!

The popularity of a family diving together is growing, and this latest trip surely bears this out. Fortunately, we were visiting Anthony's Key Resort (AKR) who offers many different programs for any and all members of the family as well as a number of different options for accommodations. There are many short stories to tell about our week so if this article seems a little jumpy, please bear with me and keep in mind it was kids and parents doing many of these things as a family, putting a whole new definition to family vacations.

Upon arrival at AKR ending a long day of flying, we were all offered punch or *rum* punches as we registered. Everyone was excited and most were anxiously looking forward to their first saltwater dives. I'm sure many of them were thinking of sharks and barracudas and eels and stingrays! Then while most adults went to their air-conditioned bungalows, the kids and trip leaders headed to our more rustic dorm-style cabins with our electric fans.

After a good night sleep and 9 AM breakfast, we loaded our gear onto the dive boat and I watched as fathers and kids nervously rigged their tanks. Some needed a little help but most meticulously (albeit slowly) got everything right. Of course there were the familiar

little hints thrown around like keeping weight belts on the deck instead of the seats, right hand releases, and checking for full tanks, etc.

As expected, the first few dives were spent working on buoyancy, waving arms, and bicycling legs. Throughout the week, I enjoyed watching fathers and sons going through the same learning patterns together in the water, honing their skills, and even having the same concerns about their final written exam. By the end of the week everyone passed and the family pride was quite obvious, especially one family consisting of a father and three sons, the youngest being 12!

Oh, and by the way, there was also a couple from Louisiana in our group with their three daughters who had gotten certified four years ago with the same trip organizer, and have returned to AKR annually for this group trip ever since. The girls earned their advanced certifications before this year, so I was asked to teach them still photography and videography to give them something different and more challenging to do. Each morning before breakfast we'd go over the previous day's shots and their improvement was noticeably better every day.

Anthony's Key Resort also supports the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences (RIMS). This is a campus where many aspects of marine environmental science are taught to anyone interested, and scientists are welcome for their own research purposes. These buildings include a nice museum, great classrooms and audio-video facilities, and a well-equipped laboratory. While we were there a group of college students were taking a two-week ocean ecology course (making me wonder where these courses were when I went to college).

Since our group was only doing two dives a day, utilization of RIMS facilities and instructors only seemed natural. One of the things our group learned about was fish and coral identification. By the end of the week, most students had identified almost 90 species and could speak about them and describe them without looking in a book!

Another activity that AKR offers is a dolphin encounter program for kids from 6-90. Anyone not certified can still participate in a fairly comprehensive class session about dolphins and then attend a petting session. We were given the opportunity to add to that by learning hand signals that directed the dolphins to do their tricks, whether making an array of noises, swimming backwards on their flukes, or even doing bows over 10' out of the water. Our group also spent an hour snorkeling in the large dolphin pen while the dolphins interacted and enjoyed the petting and stroking.

Divers with advanced certifications scheduled a dolphin dive in lieu of the snorkeling experience. On

this dive the trainer went out in his own small boat and two senior male dolphins (Paya and Esteban) followed into open water. After we settled on the seafloor from our diveboat, the trainer came down and we waited as the dolphins played on their own for a while.

Within a few minutes, Paya and Esteban would take turns gliding into the tight group of divers giving everyone the opportunity to pet them anytime they wanted. Then when one left another appeared like clockwork. When we left the open sandy area and approached some small patch reefs, we watched as both dolphins took turns sensuously rubbing against a large piece of coral and swimming through a small gorgonian. Watching this made it clear as to why the dolphins liked our "tactile" petting so much.

Since there were so many structured and scheduled educational classes for the group throughout the week, I was asked to do a midweek presentation of any footage I'd already shot. It was meant to be a short, relaxing video presentation with an explanation of the various animals and behaviors we find in the underwater realm. This turned out to lead up to the highlight of the trip for me.

I'd had consistent good fortune getting cleaner gobies and Pederson shrimp to jump on my hands numerous times so included a shot of each in my presentation. While the shots played, I explained about cleaning stations. Afterwards, most of the questions asked referred back to this beautiful symbiotic relationship, including where would they be found, what to look for, etc.

Obviously, I explained that they are everywhere and told them how to recognize them and how to accomplish the interaction. During the last couple of dives of the week, it tickled me to see almost everyone patiently sitting in the sand holding their hands next to coral heads and corkscrew anemones. But the funniest attempt was when one student forgot what I told him about the red *snapping* shrimp that are usually associated with the anemones and Pederson's ☺. *Sea Ya!*

Critter corner: The red snapping shrimp is usually found underneath corkscrew anemones and has antennae that are banded with red and white; different than the white antennae of Pederson's shrimp that may also be found in the same nook. The red snapping shrimp uses its enlarged claw to create a loud "snap" in order to scare away intruders. When approached by divers it can quickly shoot out from under the corkscrew anemone with which it is associated and nip a diver's hand that's held too close. January 05.

A Special offer from Plano

Dear Barry,

Hi, my name is Darwin Layman, I am the Digital Imaging Supervisor at Best Buy in Plano TX (between Park and Parker off Central Expwy) I am sending this e-mail to offer you 10 (4x6) digital prints from our new printing system (bring a copy of the e-mail). I'm sure you will love it.

I'm extending this offer to all in your club.

Darwin Layman

Best Buy

Plano TX

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Contact Barry or Arthur for information on how to take advantage of this special offer. IT IS GOOD!

DUPS Trip

Several people asked if we are organizing a DUPS trip this year. If you would like to attend a week long trip with the group, other than our annual Labor Day trip, contact Barry with your names and ideas for locations.

Thank You!

We want to thank Mike Dunst of Emerald Sea Divers for the help with our Photographer of the Year awards. Mike helped us get our 2nd and 3rd place awards with special discounts and helping with express shipping.

World News

Our hearts go out to all the people of the Indian Ocean and their families. The tsunami that hit the region on Dec. 26, 2004, may be one of the largest disasters we have ever known. It will be months before we have the full information on the destruction and loss of life.

It is reported that some of the islands in the Indian Ocean have moved as much as 30 meters. That may not sound like much, but consider the force needed to move WHOLE ISLANDS over 90 feet from their previous locations!

We all know about hurricane Ivan that hit Grand Cayman this year, but how many of us know that after the hurricane they were hit by an earthquake? The quake registered 6.8 on the Richter scale.

2005 DUPS Officers

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For Sale

Mind Stor 30 Gig HD and I paid \$350.00 for it new. Want \$200.00, still looks about new plus CF adapter and with a carrying case I got separately. Woody Nexus America - Woody Mayhew Photography, <http://www.nexusamerica.com>

Zip drive, internal scsi drive, blue. Comes with software, scsi card, cables and 2 GB of 100 meg. disks. Works perfectly \$75. Barry Guimbellot 214-361-0757.

DUES ARE DUE

**Don't forget to pay your dues on time. They are due January 1st, so don't delay.
Dues have not changed in years.....\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family group.
If paying by check make it payable to DUPS and Lynn Bogy is the person to pay either in person or send to 7051 Montgomery Road Midlothian, TX 76065**

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1/4 page	30.00	150.00
1/2 page	50.00	250.00

DUPS Polo Shirts, Hats, Log Books for sale

Don't forget we still have some of our beautiful **DUPS Polo style shirts** for sale. The shirts are maroon and sport our wonderful DUPS logo in white. Sizes are available from M-XXXL. The price is only \$17 each.

Nylon, baseball style hats are also still available for only \$10 each. These hats are emblazoned with a black DUPS logo.

DUPS photo/dive logbooks can be purchased for \$7.50. Each logbook has space for 82 dives with lots of room for photo information.



Sponsorship of Monthly Photo Contests

The Color Place has been our monthly photo contests sponsor for many years. They were the first sponsor for DUPS and have helped us with our annual photo contests during Dive Dallas. Unfortunately, they have reorganized their business to where they no longer accept private retail work. We want to thank them for being such good sponsors and wish them luck in their new direction.

We are sorry to announce any unused gift certificates are no longer valid.

If you know anyone that would like to sponsor our contests, please contact a board member.



Photo Contests and Results

Underwater Images Photo/Video Competition. This is one of the best photo contests still active. It is sponsored by the Gavia Scuba Club of Cincinnati and the OCSSDI. Roger Roth, one of our newsletter contributors is in charge of the contest, so be sure and support Roger. Prizes are too many to mention! For details: <http://www.uwimages.org> or phone/fax: 513-793-9896. Entry deadline is 2/1/05. Entries this year may be paid on line by Paypal.

28th Greater Metroplex Camera Show— Buy, sell, trade used photo equipment, cameras and collectables. January 15&16, 2005. Grapevine Convention Center. Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-3:30pm. Adults \$5— Children under 12 free with an adult.